

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4-8 are cancelled.

Support for each amended claim is found at the originally filed claims and throughout the specification.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-3 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

Any duplicate claim objection of Claim 8 is obviated by cancellation of Claim 8.

The enablement rejection of Claims 3-8 is respectfully traversed. The rejection of Claims 4-8 is obviated by cancellation of these claims. Present Claim 1, and by extension present dependent Claim 3, has been amended to contain the features “R³ and R⁴ represent, independently, hydrogen, a C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group, or a C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group...” Because Claims 1 and 3 do not describe that R³ and / or R⁴ can be a halogen, Claims 1 and 3 are believed to be definite. Withdrawal of enablement rejection is respectfully requested.

The indefiniteness rejection of Claims 2, 5 and 7 is respectfully traversed. The rejection of Claims 5 and 7 is obviated by cancellation of these claims. Claim 2 has been amended such that the term “by allowing two Y’s to be put together” has been removed from Claim 2. Accordingly, it is believed that Claim 2 is definite. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The indefiniteness rejection of Claims 1-8 for containing features such as “having 1 to 10 carbon atoms” is respectfully traversed. The rejection of Claims 4-8 is obviated by cancellation of these claims. Applicants respectfully submit that one of ordinary skill in the art would readily understand what the phrase “having 1 to 10 carbon atoms” means, and therefore that the term is definite. Nevertheless, as a courtesy to the Office, Applicants have

replaced the phrase "having 1 to 10 carbon atoms" with the phrase "C₁-C₁₀." Claims 1-3 are definite. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

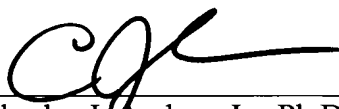
The anticipation rejection of Claims 1-8 as being unpatentable in view of Ben-David is respectfully traversed. The rejection of Claims 4-8 is obviated by cancellation of these claims. Present Claim 2 comprises oxadamantyl moieties. These moieties are not described or suggested by Ben-David. Further, present Claims 1 and 3 do not encompass the compound of Ben-David cited at page 6 of the Official Action. Ben-David therefore cannot anticipate present Claims 1-3. Withdrawal of the anticipation rejection is requested.

The obviousness rejection of Claims 4, 6 and 8 as being unpatentable in view of Okada is obviated by cancellation of these claims.

Applicants submit the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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